



DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

In this publication, ground-water availability on a regional scale is indicated in terms of probable quantities of water available, depths at which water is commonly found, and water quality at sampled locations. Because of the complexity of ground-water occurrence, the foregoing information is presented on four map sheets.

Sheet 1: Supplies in Shallow Overburden
Sheet 2: Supplies in Deep Overburden
Sheet 3: Supplies in Bedrock
Sheet 4: Water Quality
Hydrogeologic interpretations are based on data obtained from approximately 8,000 water-well records on file with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and from past documented studies of ground-water availability. The appropriate references are listed on each map sheet. Reliability of the interpretations varies throughout the region and a periodic updating or revision of the present interpretation may be necessary as new hydrogeologic information becomes available.
It is important to note that the interpreted probable well yields may not everywhere represent yields available to all users because of variations in local hydrogeology, type of well construction, and in the reliability of available data. General yields are thought to be good approximations in most areas. In cases where reliable, long-term yields are sought, it is necessary to undertake detailed hydrogeologic investigations and pumping tests.

ASSESSING WATER REQUIREMENTS

In order to evaluate well yields, the amount of water required from a prospective well should first be estimated. To estimate the approximate domestic and livestock daily water requirements, multiply the number of users (people and animals) by the appropriate figure in the table below. If desired, an additional 20 to 30% can be added to the total to account for increased demand in the future. While individual residential needs are difficult to estimate, most homes with water-consuming items such as washing machines will average about 100 gallons per day per person.

It is important to take into account the water demand during peak periods of usage in order that the well does not run dry temporarily. This demand can be estimated by counting the number of fixtures and water outlets in the house which will be used one time, and multiplying by the flow rate for each. Maps showing the flow rate per fixture can be obtained from water-supply equipment dealers.

Approximate Daily Water Requirements	
each member of the family (bathing, laundry, toilet)	50-150 gallons per day
for each producing milk cow (incl. watering)	35 gallons per day
for each dry cow	12 gallons per day
for each horse	12 gallons per day
for each dog	2 gallons per day
for each sheep	6 gallons per day
for each 100 chickens	12 gallons per day
for each 100 turkeys	12 gallons per day

Note: table modified from F. R. Horn, Farm Water Supply, Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, Publication 476.

For information on irrigation requirements, contact your Regional Office of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

A COMPARISON OF DIFFERENT WELL TYPES AND THEIR APPLICATIONS

WELL TYPE	SUITABLE GEOLOGIC MATERIALS	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
DUG WELLS	OVERBURDEN both low- and high-yielding materials (gravel, sand, silt, clay)	• Does not require special machinery to construct • Large diameter provides storage, augments low yields • Can be constructed in areas of limited access	• Labour intensive to construct • Depth is limited because of caving • Well failure is common during dry periods because of usually shallow depths
BORED WELLS	OVERBURDEN both low- and high-yielding materials (sand, silt, clay)	• Efficient method of constructing large-diameter wells • Large diameter provides storage, augments low yields	• Depth is usually limited because of equipment limitations • Large diameter provides storage, augments low yields
DRILLED WELLS	OVERBURDEN AND BEDROCK, moderate to high-yielding materials (sand, gravel, sandstone, limestone)	• Can reach deeper depths than other techniques • Can penetrate bedrock	• Generally small-diameter wells with little reservoir storage capacity
DRIVEN OR JETTED WELLS (Sand Points)	OVERBURDEN to high-yielding materials (sand and gravel)	• Simple installation can be done by hand or machine • A number of these wells can be hooked into one water-supply system	• Small diameter provides little reservoir storage • Depth is limited, depends on tightness of overburden

YIELDS FROM BEDROCK - SUMMARY

Yields of over 50 gallons per minute to wells in bedrock occur in a few isolated wells penetrating fractured limestone or dolomite at Alliston, east of Bradford and south of Bradford in the southern part of the map area and north of Simcoe in the northwestern part of the map area. Low fractured limestone and dolomite yield between 10 and 50 gallons per minute at Stayner and Simcoe in the north, as do some highly fractured shales near Tottenham in the southern part of the map area. Yields between 2 and 10 gallons per minute are found in areas of limestone, dolomite and sandstone of the Simcoe Group and the Anabel, Fossil Hill, Manitoulin and Whirlpool formations. Yields of less than 2 gallons per minute are found in most areas underlain by shales of the Cabot Head, Queenston, Georgian Bay and Whitby formations except in the northwestern part of the map area where some of these formations will yield between 2 and 10 gallons per minute.

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GROUND-WATER PROBABILITY

SHEET 3

WATER SUPPLIES IN BEDROCK